

Grenfell Support News

One year on – events and commemorative activities



A range of community events are to take place over the next week to commemorate one year on from the Grenfell Tower tragedy.

The next event will be the unveiling of St Clement's Garden of Peace and Healing which will take place at **St Clement's Church, Treadgold Street, W11 4BP** on **Sunday 10 June** from **10.30am**. Following that, on **Monday 11 June** from **7.30pm to 8.30pm**, there will be an evening vigil at the same location.

On the anniversary of the tragedy, **Thursday 14 June**, there will be a number of events held:

- An anniversary **memorial service** followed by a procession at **St Helen's Church, St Helen's Gardens, W10 6LP** at **11am**.
- Time for **community remembrance** and reflection. Unveiling of **Community Mosaic** and one-minute silence at the base of **Grenfell Tower** on **the path between Kensington Aldridge Academy and Kensington Leisure Centre** at **11am to 12 noon**.
- A nationwide **one-minute silence** will be observed at **12 noon**.
- A **Eucharist** to end the **24-hour Grenfell Vigil** will be held at **St Clement's Church** from **5pm to 6pm**.

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- The **"Remembering together"** event will take place in **Kensington Memorial Park, St Mark's Road, W10 6BZ** at **7pm**.
- The **silent march** will begin at **Maxilla Hall Social club** at **7pm** however people are encouraged to gather from **5.30pm** beforehand for a **candlelit vigil**.
- A special **prayers** and **remembrance service** will be held at **Al Manaar Muslim Cultural Heritage Centre, 244 Acklam Road, W10 5YG** at **8.45pm**.

The full list of events is available on the Kensington and Chelsea Social Council website: bit.ly/2syPR2l

Tackling fraud around Grenfell

As you may have seen reported in the news, the police have uncovered a number of individuals fraudulently claiming financial support intended for people genuinely affected by the Grenfell Tower tragedy.

Cllr Kim Taylor-Smith, deputy leader of Kensington and Chelsea Council said: "Fraud is an issue the council takes very seriously, not just because taxpayers money is being used to support people, but because genuine survivors and bereaved families have raised concerns with us, and we share those concerns."

"It is hugely important to me, and to the Council, that public perception of survivors and bereaved is not tarnished by the acts of what is a very small minority, especially ahead of marking one year since the terrible tragedy."

Kensington and Chelsea Council has a dedicated fraud team for Grenfell cases. The team has been using extra resources, including senior officers with experience in local government and housing fraud. They are working in partnership with the police.

If anyone has any concerns over fraud cases they can contact the fraud team on **020 7361 2777** or email investigations@rbkc.gov.uk.



Get involved with anniversary events

If you want to play a part in the commemorations of the Grenfell Tower tragedy, why not volunteer at one of the events taking place around the anniversary?

The Community Iftar needs volunteers to help with setting up, stewarding, serving food and clearing away. Volunteers will be required to be present from **5pm to 11pm** on **Thursday 14 June** and will also need to be available on **Saturday 9 June** for a briefing day. Volunteers will be provided with a t-shirt and refreshments, including an evening meal.

On **Saturday 16 June**, from **11.30am to 7pm**, volunteers are needed for the Family Fun Day in **Kensington Memorial Park (St Mark's Park), W10 6BZ**, to help with setting up, clearing away and signposting to activities and services. Volunteers for this event will receive refreshments and can claim up to £10 travel expenses (receipts required).

If this sounds like something you would like to get involved with, email carrie.hirst@vckc.org.uk with:

- Your name
- Contact number
- Availability (if you're available to help at the Iftar, please also state if you can attend the briefing at **1pm** on **Saturday 9 June**).

Grenfell Tower Public Inquiry moves to the next phase

The participants in the Grenfell Tower Public Inquiry, including the bereaved, survivors, the Council and organisations such as the fire brigade and the KCTMO, have been providing their opening statements in the next stage of the process. A full list of statements can be found here:

www.grenfelltowerinquiry.org.uk/hearings.

Kensington and Chelsea Council's opening statement to the Inquiry was delivered on **Wednesday 6 June** by James Maxwell-Scott QC, you can find it here: bit.ly/2xN1JTz.

For more general information on the work of the Inquiry and recordings of the hearings to date, please visit www.grenfelltowerinquiry.org.uk.

The hearings have been an emotional time for many people and video of the night of the tragedy have been shown. There is support available for all those who have been affected. For urgent emotional and wellbeing support, you can call **0800 0234 650** at any time.

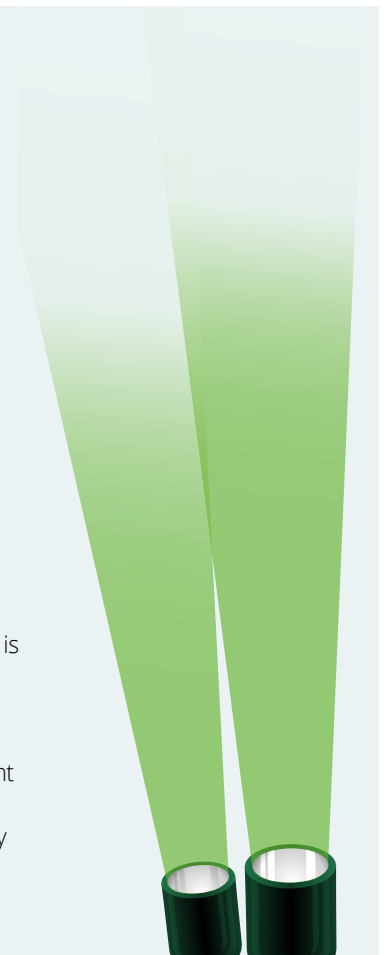
Details of the NHS' continuing emotional and wellbeing support available for those affected by the Inquiry are available at bit.ly/2kTicfC.



Grenfell Tower – wrapping and illumination

Grenfell Tower will be fully wrapped ahead of the first anniversary of the tragedy. The existing white covering will continue up to the 20th floor and banners, designed in collaboration with groups from the local community, will cover the top four floors of the building.

There are plans to illuminate Grenfell Tower as part of a wider initiative to mark the passing of one year since the tragedy. The specific proposal is for green lights at the base of Grenfell Tower to illuminate all four sides. Light pollution is not expected to be a significant issue, however the site team is working with the community to make sure it is safe and does not cause disruption to local people.



Activities Programme at The Curve Community Centre

Monday 11 June

- **9.30am–3pm** – Early year's activity
- **10am–12 noon** – The Hand of Hope Women's Group
- **10–12.30pm** – Nova ICT
- **1pm–3pm** – English skills (literacy for native speaking)
- **5pm–7pm** – Homework Club ages 11-18 with a qualified tutor (drop-in)
- **6pm–8pm** – Pre-ESOL English
- **8pm** – Iftar – food will be supplied



Anniversary support at The Curve

Activities and support concerning one year on from Grenfell at The Curve can be found online at www.grenfellsupport.org.uk/thecurve

Home Office

The Home Office will be in The Curve Centre on **Thursday 14 June** from **2pm to 7pm**.

The Crèche's opening hours are:

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday **10am to 12noon** and **1pm to 3pm**.

No crèche on Thursdays.

The Crèche is for parents attending appointments or courses at the Curve. Other Curve users are also able to use the crèche space when attending an event or activities. To book, please email: thecurve@rbkc.gov.uk

Tuesday 12 June

- **9.30am–10.30am** – MEND mini-healthy lifestyles programme families. All welcome to drop-in
- **9.30am–11.30am** and **12.25pm–2.30pm** ESOL English language classes (please email sakinah.touzani@westway.org to book)
- **10.30am–12.30pm** – Job search and CV sessions (open area 1st floor) (drop-in)
- **10.30am–12.30pm** – Helping children deal with loss (please email thecurve@rbkc.gov.uk to book)
- **10am–3pm** – Fouzia's sewing club – drop-in sewing club for all, grow your skills, knit and natter
- **1.30pm–2.30pm** – Grief encounters, speak, listen and share with Alisia and Anna
- **3pm–5.30pm** – NHS Healthy sleeping workshop (drop-in)
- **5pm–6pm** – Children's yoga – fun and relaxed sessions for kids aged five – 11 (drop-in)

Wednesday 13 June

- **10am–12 noon** – World coffee morning – free and open to all for a coffee and a chat
- **10am–12.30pm** – Nova ICT
- **10.30am–12.30pm** – Job search and CV sessions (open area 1st floor) (drop-in)
- **10.30am–12 noon** – Shared reading group, open to all reading abilities. Come and share the joy of reading as a group
- **2pm–4pm** – Drug and alcohol drop-in session
- **4pm–7pm** – Girls youth group for ages 13 plus (run by Laura for emotional health and wellbeing)
- **8pm** – Iftar, food supplied

Thursday 14 June

- **10.30am–11.30am** – Massage session with massage therapist (drop-in)
- **12.30pm–2.30pm** – Mums and bumps session (drop-in)
- **1pm–3pm** – ICT Skills and pre-employment support, suitable for those not ready for the Job Centre (drop-in)
- **2pm–3pm** – Nova (Alex) ITC Employment skills (drop-in)
- **4pm–4.45pm** – Healthy snack time for kids (limited spaces, please email thecurve@rbkc.gov.uk to book)
- **4pm–6pm** – Young artists for ages five-11. For keen young artists looking to learn and develop their skills

Friday 15 June

- **9am–10.30am** – MEND Mini - weekly sessions run by a registered nutritionist and physical activity specialist. Offers practical chopping and tasting activities and games/ exercises aimed at enhancing physical and social development for ages two-four years.
- **10am–1pm** – ACAVA Pottery workshop (to book please email thecurve@tbkc.gov.uk) (drop-in)
- **10.30am–11.30am** – Meditation group (drop-in)
- **10.30am–12 noon** – Mindfulness TFC Group (drop-in)
- **2pm–6pm** – Kids on the green arts and physical activities

Saturday 9 June

- **12pm–4pm** – Metronomes Steel Orchesra workshops for families and children aged nine years and up

The Curve Community Centre opening hours are **10am to 8pm Monday to Friday** and **11am to 6pm** on weekends.

The Curve Community Centre, 10 Bard Road, London W10 6TP

Some sessions need to be booked in advance to secure your place, so email thecurve@rbkc.gov.uk and they will confirm your reservation by return.



For a full list of events visit grenfellsupport.org.uk/thecurve/events

Support services on offer

Anyone who would like to speak to the police in relation to the investigation into the fire is asked to contact the Met Police on **0800 032 4539**.

Important Contacts

Cruse Bereavement Care

Call the Freephone helpline on **0808 808 1677** or email helpline@cruse.org.uk.

The helpline is open **Monday-Friday** from **9.30am-5pm**. Extended hours Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings, until 8pm.

Replacement UK passports, visas or immigration queries

Call our advice line on **0300 303 2832**. The line is open 24 hours.

Air quality and smoke exposure

If you have concerns about any symptoms, please see your doctor or call NHS **111**.

Housing support

If you have any questions about housing or want to find out who your housing officer is please call **0800 137 111** or **020 7361 3008**.

Victim support

Call **0808 1689 111** for practical and emotional support, or visit victimsupport.org.uk. The line is open 24 hours a day.

The Grenfell Muslim

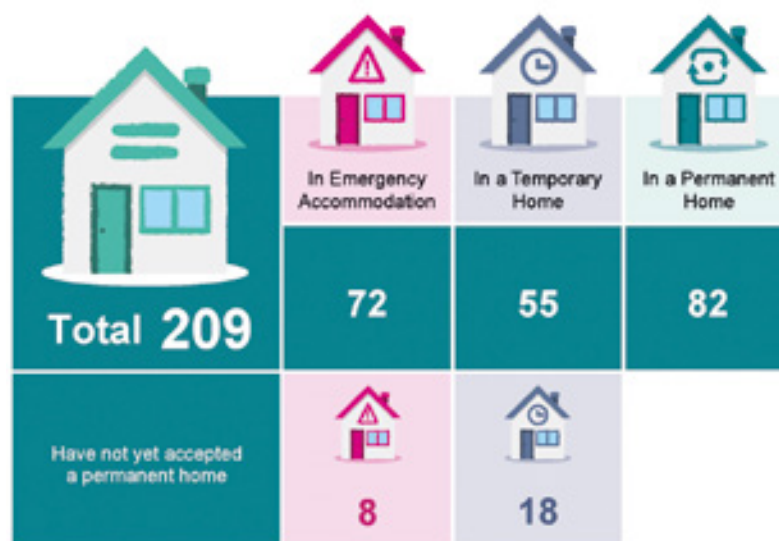
Response Unit also offers additional support. Find out more by emailing info@gmru.co.uk

You can also get physical and mental support at **The Curve Community Centre**. Call **077 1223 1133**.

Hestia, Central and North West London NHS Foundation Trust, and the Drug and Alcohol Service are based overnight at the **Notting Hill Methodist Church, Lancaster Road**, from **10pm to 8am**. Pop in for a chat and support.

Grenfell Tower and Grenfell Walk rehousing progress update

These are the figures for
4 June 2018



Here to help – your new neighbourhood team

You may have noticed a new addition to the Lancaster West Neighbourhood Team in the last few weeks.

After a selection process that included the Lancaster West Residents' Association, James Caspell has started as the new Neighbourhood Director.

James said, "It's a privilege to work for the residents of Lancaster West, one of the most diverse, resilient and talented communities in London."

"Your Neighbourhood Team will be here to listen, here to act, and here to help residents."

"In the weeks and months ahead, I'm confident we can deliver the high quality services you pay for and deserve, starting with a local repairs team"

You can email James to raise any ideas or concerns you may have at james.caspell@rbkc.gov.uk

"Making art your voice" exhibition a great success

Last week, art created by children who attend Oxford Gardens Primary School in North Kensington was exhibited at The Tabernacle in Notting Hill. Following the Grenfell Tower tragedy, the children were given weekly art lessons as a positive and creative outlet. Organiser of the event, Rosie Parmley, commented, "After the tragedy I felt I had to do something positive – sharing my skills as a painter and teacher".

The exhibition displayed 100 pieces of artwork and attracted many impressed visitors. "It's better than the stuff you see at The Tate" said one attendee. Parents were

really happy to see their children's excellent work and returned again to see the professionally curated show.



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